## **Maine Revised Statutes**

## Title 22: HEALTH AND WELFARE

**Chapter 707: DEATHS AND BURIALS** 

## §2846. AUTHORIZED PERSON

For the purposes of this chapter, the "authorized person" responsible for obtaining or filing a permit or certificate means a member of the immediate family of the deceased, the domestic partner of the deceased, a person authorized in writing by a member of the immediate family of the deceased if no member of the immediate family of the deceased wishes to assume the responsibility or by the domestic partner of the deceased if the domestic partner does not wish to assume the responsibility or, in the absence of immediate family or a known domestic partner, a person authorized in writing by the deceased. For purposes of this section, "domestic partner" means one of 2 unmarried adults who are domiciled together under long-term arrangements that evidence a commitment to remain responsible indefinitely for each other's welfare.

[ 2003, c. 672, §21 (AMD).]

For the purposes of this chapter, "nurse practitioner" means an advanced practice registered nurse who is a certified nurse practitioner authorized to practice without the supervision of a physician pursuant to Title 32, chapter 31. [2005, c. 359, §5 (NEW).]

For the purposes of this chapter, "health care provider" means a physician, a nurse practitioner or a physician assistant. [2007, c. 56, §5 (AMD).]

For the purposes of this chapter, "physician assistant" means a person who has graduated from a physician assistant or surgeon assistant program accredited by the American Medical Association Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation or the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs or its successor and who has passed the certifying examination administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants or its successor. [2007, c. 56, §6 (NEW).]

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